KYUUDOU PRACTICE UNIFORM

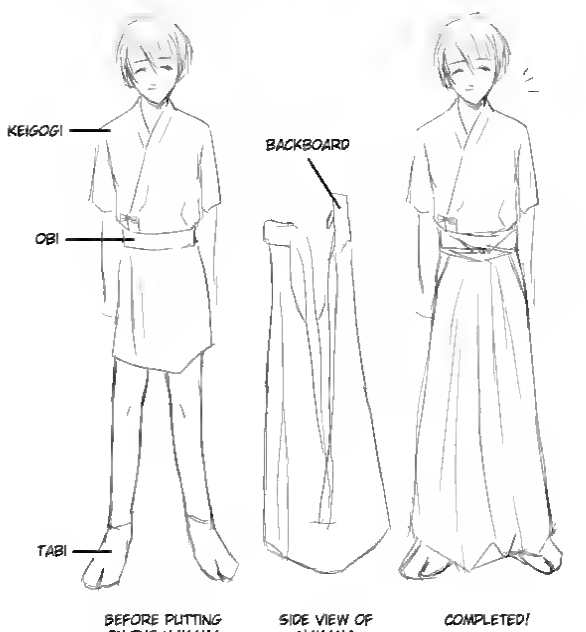
THIS CHAPTER SHOWS KATSURA INSTRUCTING THE UNDERCLASSMEN HOW TO TIE THE HAKAMA FOR THEIR UNIFORM. IN THIS LITTLE TRANSLATOR RAMBLE, I'M GOING TO SHOW YOU THE PARTS OF THE STANDARD KYUUDOU PRACTICE UNIFORM.

1. KEIGOGI - THE WHITE UNIFORM TOP.

2. OBI - SASH USED HOLD THE KEIGOGI AND THE BACKBOARD OF THE HAKAMA IN PLACE.

3. TABI - THE WHITE SPLIT SOCKS.

4. HAKAMA - PLEATED PANTS. MEN WEAR BLACK HAKAMA WHILE WOMEN MAY WEAR BLACK OR NAVY.



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Sou and tha other saniors retire and Katsura has become the Archery Club's new Vice Captain. His first assignmant a five day, four night training camp!! Howaver Katsura gets all worked up because of his nervousness and ends up committing mistake aftar mistaka. His bast friand and Captain Kouichi still hasn't given up on his feelings for Katsura. When Kouichi sees Katsura in that condition he gives him a hug to ancourage him. Around tha sama tima Sou worried about Katsura arrives at the camp but he incidantally seas tham...!?

CHARA COMICS

PROFILE

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Satoru Kannagi

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● I've received a lot of enjoyable letters from readers who read this story and decided to take up archery. Ketsura also continues to grow together with Sou.

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● I never expected "Rin!" to continue onto more volumes! Thank you all so much.

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WELL...
THE INTER-HIGH TOURNAMENT IS NOW OVER
IT'S REGRETTABLE, BUT I'D LIKE TO EXTEND A HEARTFELT TOAST TO OUR RETIRING SENIOR-CLASS MEMBERS
CHEERS!!

凛!
-RIN-
第五射
The Fifth Shot

Summer Training Camp
Cleaning even first thing in the morning

chatter
That's how it is
That doesn't sound "regret" to me at all
chatter
AH YOU GUYS PUT UP A GREAT SHOWING THIS YEAR
THE TEAM PLACED THIRD OVERALL, AND FOR INDIVIDUALS, KOBAYAKAWA CAME IN SECOND WITH SHIBATA IN FOURTH
IT'S ONLY BECAUSE THE CAPTAIN AND VICE CAPTAIN PARTICIPATED IN THE INDIVIDUAL EVENT LAST YEAR
THAT THE TEAM PERFORMED SO WELL THIS YEAR.
THIS IS STILL ONLY THE BEGINNING
Ahem
Alright everyone Listen up

That instructor Ezaki is kinda
Kouchi
AS APPOINTED BY OUR SENIORS,
I'M THE NEXT CAPTAIN, SAKURA-SAWA
I HOPE TO BE IN YOUR THOUGHTS FROM HERE ON AFTER.
WA HA HA HA
What's up with that?
grin
I'LL TRY MY HARDEST!
Hope to have all of your support too!
CLENCH
clap
Ah ha ha ha
clap
Gotcha!
My little Katsura's finally
clap
THANK YOU
Good luck!
clap
Um
I'M THE VICE CAPTAIN, KOBAYA-KAWA
SOON WE'LL BE HOLDING SUMMER TRAINING CAMP
I HOPE WE'LL ALL HAVE A GOOD TIME PRACTICING OUR ARCHERY

KATSURA, SHOULDN'T THE EXTRA FOOD WE ORDERED BE HERE ALREADY?
YEAH, IT'S TAKING A BIT LONG.
I'll go and ask
CAN WE ORDER SOME EXTRA DRINKS?
SURE, I'LL TAKE UP YOUR ORDERS.
Oh
HE?...
KATSURA? 2...EOPLE OR MORE?
Is he glaring at me?
Those two are a totally different combination from the two before
Yeah, but it looks like it'll work out
EXCUSE ME, I'M FROM THE PRIVATE PARTY ROOM ON THE SECOND FLOOR.
I WONDER IF IT WAS JUST ME OR WHAT...
I WAS WONDERING ABOUT OUR EXTRA ORDERS...
THEY'RE COMING RIGHT UP.
YOU SHOULD JUST ACT AS CAPTAIN AND LEAVE EVERYTHING TO ME.
I'm fine
I'M THE COORDINATOR HERE.
WANT ME TO GO AND HELP YOU?

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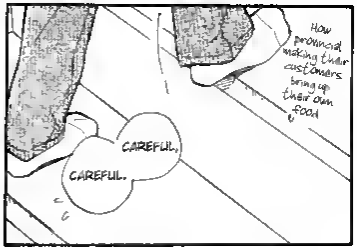
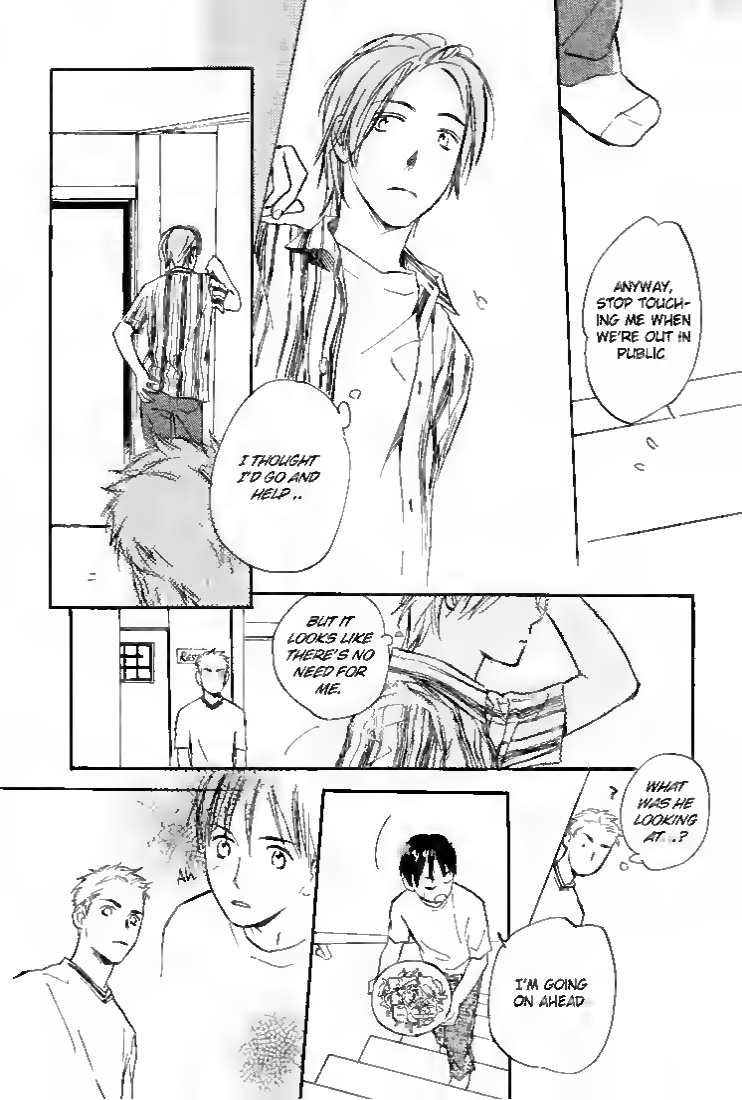
Get out, those large orders coming in!
Clients, got a lot!
WE'RE JUST SO BUSY
SO SORRY ABOUT THAT...
OK
Psshh
UM...
Ah
MR. COORDINATOR, COULD YOU BE A DEAR AND TAKE THESE UP FOR ME?



CHEER
CHEER
L-LET GO!
THIS ISN'T THE DOJO.
WHAT IF SOMEONE SEES US...?
WELL, IT'S YOUR FIRST JOB AS VICE CAPTAIN SO I WAS WONDERING IF YOU GOT FLUSTERED AGAIN
BY CARRYING PLATES!?
Well it can be dangerous
WHILE IT'S TRUE THAT I DID HAVE AN EXTREME CASE OF CHRONIC ANXIETY...
THAT COULDN'T BE SUBDUED WITHOUT A HUG FROM SOU...
I'VE GOTTEN OVER THAT NOW.
HOWEVER, WE'RE STILL KEEPING THAT A SECRET FROM EVERYONE...
SO THAT SOU CAN KEEP MINDING ME LIKE THIS WITHOUT WORRYING ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE...
AND USING IT TO CAMOUFLAGE THE FACT THAT HE'S BECOME MY... LOVER
WHAT ARE YOU ACTING UP ABOUT?
You're only five years
ruffle
Lover
hmm...
BUT IF WE DON'T GET OUR ACT TOGETHER...
It's not that easy to do it
BUT AS VICE CAPTAIN, I HAVE TO MAINTAIN SOME DIGNITY...


ANYWAY, STOP TOUCHING ME WHEN WE'RE OUT IN PUBLIC
I THOUGHT I'D GO AND HELP..
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE THERE'S NO NEED FOR ME.
WHAT WAS HE LOOKING AT...?
I'M GOING ON AHEAD
Ah

HE DIDN'T SEE US, DID HE?
AH..
YEAH, SORRY...
Whoa
KATSURA,
DON'T STOP SO SUDDENLY
Shiratori-kun, are you working as the restaurant's staff?
Ah ha ha
Please sit over here
MATSU-NAE..
Alright
FOR SOME REASON HIS GAZE BOTHERS ME

...I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING THOUGH.
HE'S THE TYPE TO GO THROUGH PRACTICES WITHOUT SAYING ANYTHING MUCH.
THIS IS MY FIRST TIME TALKING TO HIM, I THINK.
MATSU-NAE.
GOOD WORK DURING THE INTER-HIGH.
!
YEAH, BUT...
YOU KNOW
YOU HAD THE MOST SPIRIT OUT OF ALL THE SOPHOMORES WHEN CHEERING FOR THE TEAM.
I WOULDN'T SAY HE HAS A GLOOMY PERSONALITY
ESPECIALLY DURING INDIVIDUALS
IT'S JUST HE'S KIND OF DIFFICULT TO APPROACH.
THAT'S BECAUSE OF YAMATO-SENPAI AND SHIBATA-SENPAI.
...THEY'RE JUST SO AMAZING
BOTH OF THEM WERE JUST SO COOL.
YAMATO-SENPAI HIT THE TARGET NINE TIMES IN A ROW!

STILL, HE WASN'T ABLE TO GET THE CHAMPIONSHIP. THE TEAMS AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL ARE SO STRONG!!
BUT YAMATO-SENPAI WAS REALLY AWESOME!
SHIBATA-SENPAI WAS THE MOST EXQUISITE HE'S EVER BEEN
EXACTLY!
Dammit!
I WISH I HAD BROUGHT MY CAMERA
Aaaah~
Hey!
AH, I TOOK PICTURES!
AND SHIBATA-SENPAI WAS IN PERFECT FORM!!
Y-
YEAH
THE GRACE OF HIS ENDING FORM MADE HIM SEEM MUCH MORE MATURE THAN A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT
SO HE WAS...
I just didn't get him
The seniors are lucky. They got to be with them for more than 2 years!
I CAN'T BELIEVE WE WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE THEM AT PRACTICE ANYMORE
Eeh
Gimme Copies!
BUT SAKURASAWA'S ALSO PRETTY IMPRESSIVE WHEN HE GETS IN THE MOOD.
WHAT WILL WE DO IF WE DROP IN RANKINGS BECAUSE ALL OF OUR SENIORS LEFT?
Please, don't retire!
Ah ha ha
That's just how we personalities!
WE'LL HAVE TO GET SPECIAL INTENSIVE TRAINING WHEN THEY HAVE SPARE TIME

SENPAI! PLEASE SHOW US YOUR BOWS ONE LAST TIME!!
BUT IT'S TOO LATE TODAY
THAT'S FINE.
THEN TOMORROW!
Unaa!?
Yuuta

KATSURA-SENPAI, I'M REALLY ENVIOUS OF YOU...
Erm...
Yay!
Kyaa!
Alright! All seniors who can participate should meet tomorrow at the dojo
IS THAT ALRIGHT?
SAKURA-SAWA CAPTAIN
Sheesh
sigh
I'd like to see too
FINE WITH ME.
I SAW YOU TWO EARLIER
Y-...
YEAH...
THEN YOU ALSO HAVE SHIBATA-SENPAI WHO'S BEEN FRIENDS WITH YOU SINCE YOU WERE LITTLE
YOU HAVE SUCH AN INCREDIBLE PERSON FOR YOUR BROTHER.

YOU AND SHIBATA-SENPAI STILL SEEM TO BE VERY CLOSE.
I HAVE AN OLDER BROTHER TOO.
ONE YEAR OLDER THAN YAMATO-SENPAI.
UH...
IS HE BEING SARCASTIC?
OR IS HE SERIOUS?
GUESS?
I can't tell.
Just what part did he see?
HOW NICE TO GET SO MUCH ATTENTION FROM HIM.
UM...
THAT WAS
I STARTED ARCHERY IN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL BECAUSE OF MY BROTHER.
HE'S TAUGHT ME A LOT.
YOU'RE REALLY GOOD, MATSUNAE.
MY BROTHER HAS EVEN SAID THAT YOU'VE GOT THE FOUNDATIONS DOWN.

BUT MY BROTHER ENDED UP QUITTING.
THAT'S WHY YAMATO-SENPAI IS NOW MY GOAL
.....
Huh? Oh, OK
This is good! I want to! Try some?
Hmmm
FEELS LIKE SOME TROUBLE
MAY BE BREWING UP

This will be our last time seeing this.
th
whp !

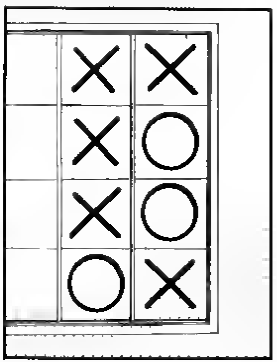
I'VE ALSO MADE SOME IMPROVEMENT.
YEAH!
BUT ALONG WITH THAT...
CAME THE KNOWLEDGE OF JUST HOW STRONG THOSE TWO ACTUALLY ARE.
I WONDER IF KOUICHI IS THINKING ABOUT THIS AS HE SHOULD.
HE LOOKS TO BE CARE-FREE AS USUAL.
I DON'T KNOW IF HE'LL BE RELIABLE OR NOT...
WILL WE REALLY BE ALRIGHT WITHOUT THEM?
I REALLY DON'T MATCH UP AT ALL TO THEM.

I'M ALSO VICE CAPTAIN HERE!
I'VE GOTTA GET MY ACT TOGETHER.
Woo hoo!
clap
ALL HITS...!
clap
clap
AWESOME, KOBAYA-KAWA!
A WELL-AGED BOW FOR A WELL-AGED MAN?
Hold your nose breaks until we're finished.
SAKURA-SAWA!
KATSURA!
Y-YES!
THAT EARNED YOU THE DISTINCTION OF THE NEW CAPTAIN AND VICE CAPTAIN
NOW IT'S YOUR TURN TO SHOW EVERYONE THE SHOOT-ING...
H-HUH...?
YES, SIR.
bumble / kneeling? standing?
Kneeling of course.

thadump
DON'T RUSH IT.
SLOWLY..
thadump
CALM MY FEELINGS DOWN...
...ALRIGHT
Whoa!
Hah
Katsuki's
Kouchi's target

AAAAH!
I REALLY SCREWED THAT UP.
.....
WHERE'S THE "DISTINCTION" THAT YOU SUPPOSEDLY EARNED...?
Do it seriously!
Baaaa!
Such love and respect.
Booo!
I'LL HAVE TO MAKE UP FOR KOUICHI'S PART NOW TOO...

LET'S ALL WORK HARD TOGETHER AS NEW REGULAR MEMBERS!
Results aren't just all don't about new get scores down about t
You're too happy ard!
Right!
Here w good



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scribble
scribble
scribble
pweeeeen
pweeeh
pweeeeen
THEY'RE ALL OUT.
rustle
WHERE IS YOUR FAMILY TODAY?
O-...
OH...
scribble
flip

YOU GOT THAT WRONG.
STARTLE
EH?
stare
LUKA.

Nn
Nhh
Ngh
S-SOU...
I-... I HAVE A LOT OF HOMEWORK THAT'S BEEN PILING UP.
I REALLY WANT TO FINISH TODAY'S PORTION OF THE WORK...
If I can
I'LL HELP YOU WITH IT LATER
TH-THANKS.
NORMALLY HE WOULD LOOK UN--AFFECTED...
BUT NOW, WHAT'S WITH...
WELL, RIGHT NOW...
LIM...
WHAT I MEAN IS...
HMM?
THOSE SEDUCTIVE EYES...
WHAT I WANT TO...
SAY IS...

SUMMER HOME-WORK?
I CAN HELP YOU WITH THAT!
BUT I HAVE PLANS WITH SOU
Me! Me!
I'LL BE BACK LATER
Slam
KAT-SURAAA!
SORRY NII-CHAN
FOR DOING SOMETHING LIKE THIS...
Uhuh?
stagger
SO—
SOU?
KAT-SURA
WAH
WAH
Nnn

Ngh...
WHAT...
IT'S TRUE THAT WE'RE LOVERS...
KAT-SUR...
AND I REALLY LOVE SOU...
I DON'T HATE WHAT WE DOES TO ME AT ALL...
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
!
IT'S JUST THAT SOU SEEMS SO USED TO IT...
HEY, KAT-SURA...
BUT...
BUT...
whirr
whirr
WHEN WILL HIS MOM BE GETTING BACK...?
BUT...
whirr
whirr
BUT...
BUT...
KAT-SURA!
HEY!

HUH?
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
SORRY
WAS I GOING TOO FAST FOR YOU?
SO...
EVEN IF HE ASKS THAT SO SERIOUSLY...
BLUSH!
IF YOU REALLY DON'T LIKE IT, I'LL STOP
YOU'LL STOP...?
STUPID...!
IT'LL BE RAPE IF I DON'T!

I CAN'T JUST FORCE YOU, YOU KNOW
UM, BUT I... DON'T REALLY HATE IT...
Are you OK?
BUT YOU DIDN'T LOOK LIKE YOU WERE HAPPY ABOUT IT EITHER
THAT'S BECAUSE... I NEEDED TO PREPARE MYSELF FOR...
...HUH?
VERY SOON WE WON'T... BE ABLE TO SEE EACH OTHER ANYMORE

ack
YOU HAVE TRAINING CAMP STARTING NEXT WEEK.
HUH?
WON'T SEE EACH...
W-WHAT DO...
YOU MEAN...?
AND IT'S ALL THE WAY IN NAGANO. IT'S REALLY FAR.
W-WAIT A SECOND HERE... IT'S ONLY FOR FIVE DAYS AND FOUR NIGHTS.
It still doesn't change the fact that we'll be away from each other
PLUS, YOU'LL BE THERE WITH SAKURASAWA.
mutter
ANYWAY, IF YOU REALLY HATE IT, I'LL STOP DOING IT.
SORRY ABOUT THAT.
DID YOU SAY SOMETHING?
HUH?
IT'S NOTHING.

IS HE..
SULKING ABOUT IT?
THAT'S
KIND OF CHILDISH..
.....
KAT-SURA..
YOU KNOW, SOU...
I DIDN'T REALLY HATE IT.
I REALLY LOVE YOU
AND THE KISSES I SHARE WITH YOU..
I LOVE THOSE TOO

AND PROBABLY ANYTHING MORE THAN THAT TOO...
IF IT'S WITH YOU...

I'M HOME!
CLICK
So, I bought ice cream...
pitter
pitter
IT'S MY MOM
JU
MP
Is Katsura-chan here too?
He'll want some too, right?
SO, SHE BOUGHT ICE CREAM...?
SO IT SEEMS...
Hurry up and come down here

SOU'S GAZE AND EXPRESSION...
WERE SO HEATED AND ALLURING
Uuuu
THINKING ABOUT IT.
I FINALLY DECIDED TO DO SOMETHING UNTHINKABLE.
I KIND OF...
step
step
FEEL LET DOWN.
BUT SOU'S A MAN TOO...
HE WAS SO CLOSE TO ME THAT I DIDN'T REALIZE IT.
pek
pek
I'M HOME...
I'VE NEVER KNOWN THOSE EXPRESSIONS OF HIS UNTIL NOW.
I FEEL LIKE I'VE DISCOVERED A LOT OF THINGS TODAY.
WELCOME BACK, KATSURA.
DID YOU GET ANY HOMEWORK DONE?
HUH?
AH
YEAH!

WELCOME HOME.
SO YOU WENT TO GET SOME HELP ON YOUR HOMEWORK?
Let me copy later! OK?
KATSURA, IT'S FOR YOU.
HELLO?
HUH?
ME?
OH, IT'S YOU, KOUICHI
WHAT'S UP?
Hey, are you free tomorrow?
I thought we could discuss the schedule for the training camp
HEY, YOU SEEM TO BE INTO IT.
ALRIGHT.
Let's meet at the dojo in front the station.
Yeah
OK.
It's almost time for dinner
I want some beer

SAKURASAWA SAID THAT HE COULDN'T GET A HOLD OF YOU ON YOUR CELL.
CLICK
BYE
HUH?
I...
I TURNED IT OFF WHEN I WAS STUDYING.
I'M...
GOING TO GO CHANGE
HM?
what did we have all that for?
SOMETHING WAS RINGING AT THAT TIME.
...RIGHT, I THOUGHT...
tug
SO HOT..

THIS MAKES ME WORRIED ABOUT THE CAMP
I'M PRETTY SURE THEY DON'T HAVE AIR CONDITIONING THERE
BUT IT SHOULD BE COOLER THERE THAN IT IS HERE
There's a river there too.
SO ANYWAY, KOUICHI...
HOW ABOUT THE CAMP SCHEDULE?
UM, YEAH...
I DIDN'T THINK OF ANYTHING
Huh?
What about a general breakdown of the schedule...?
Nope, nothing.
AND YESTERDAY ON THE PHONE, SENPAI SAID THAT...
IT'S FINE AS LONG AS NO ONE GETS INJURED.
BESIDES, THE TRAINING SCHEDULE NEVER CHANGES FROM YEAR TO YEAR.
glink
THAT'S WHY I WANTED TO DISCUSS IT WITH YOU

I KNOW THAT HE'S NOT THE ENTHUSIASTIC TYPE TO BEGIN WITH...
HMM
BUT SINCE HE'S THE CAPTAIN, I WISH HE'D BE A LITTLE MORE RELIABLE...
THIS IS JUST THE KIND OF PERSON KOUICHI IS
SO ARE THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE BUS THAT WILL TAKE US TO THE CAMP OK?
I'M PRETTY SURE THAT THE MANAGER AND OUR SENSEI WILL DO THAT FOR US, RIGHT?
THAT'S WHAT I WOULD THINK
HEY... IT'S THE SOPHOMORE, MATSUNAE
HUH?
YEAH, HE DOES
...HE LOOKS SERIOUS AS USUAL...

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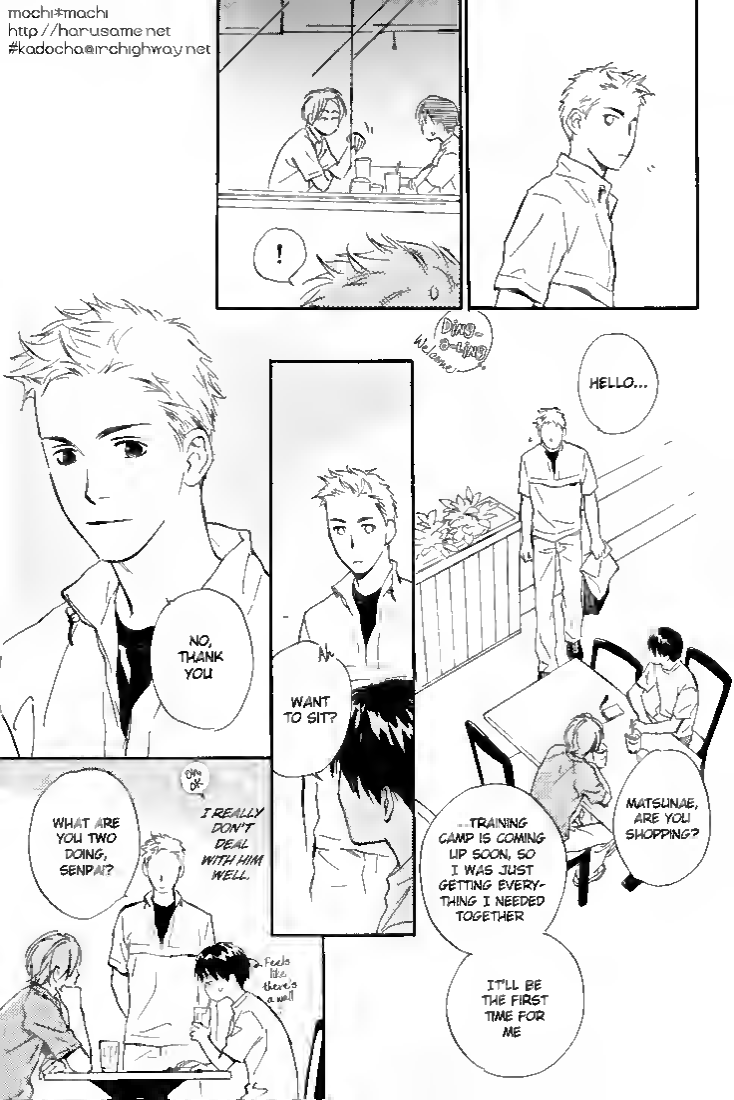
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Ding-a-ling
Welcome!
HELLO...
NO, THANK YOU
WANT TO SIT?
MATSUNAE, ARE YOU SHOPPING?
...TRAINING CAMP IS COMING UP SOON, SO I WAS JUST GETTING EVERYTHING I NEEDED TOGETHER
IT'LL BE THE FIRST TIME FOR ME
WHAT ARE YOU TWO DOING, SENPAI?
Sigh
I REALLY DON'T DEAL WITH HIM WELL.
Feels like there's a wall

choke
YOU CAN'T TELL JUST BY LOOKING?
WE'RE ON A DATE.
Eh?
W-WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!?
cough
cough
WELL, THAT'S JUST MY WISHFUL THINKING
WE'RE ACTUALLY HAVING A MEETING TO DISCUSS THE TRAINING SCHEDULE FOR CAMP
OH...
wishful thinking
WELL WE HAVE THE ROOKIES TOURNAMENT IN OCTOBER
WE'LL HAVE TO WORK HARD FOR IT IN THIS SUMMER'S CAMP.
sweat
Wipe
Wipe
SO YOU'RE MAKING... THE TRAINING SCHED-ULE...?
HMM? WELL, YES
WHY?
WELL, DON'T WE STILL HAVE THE SCHEDULE THAT YAMATO-SENPAI AND SHIBATA-SENPAI MADE?
IT'D BE BETTER JUST TO USE THAT.
It'll just go to waste.

NO SENSE OF SARCASM OR ANYTHING...
.....
HE'S VERY SERIOUS ABOUT ARCHERY.
I'M REALLY INTERESTED IN WHAT TRAINING INTER-HIGH REGULAR QUALIFIERS DO.
Ah
SORRY, IT'S NOT MY PLACE TO SAY ANYTHING
WELL IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, I'LL BE LEAVING NOW.
AH... OK, TAKE CARE.
I WILL.
GOOD LUCK WITH EVERY-THING.
Thank you very much!
BUT THAT WAS SARCASM...
JUST NOW

I KNOW THAT EVERYONE LOOKS UP TO NII-CHAN AND SOU...
BUT IF THIS KEEPS UP...
IT KINDA...
IT KINDA... FEELS AGGRA-VATING...
slide
HEY, KATSURA
SWISH SWISH
sink...
Hmm?
...ERR, KOUICHI
IT SHOULD BE LOTS OF FUN
WE CAN HAVE THE GIRLS BRING THEIR YUKATA
HOW ABOUT SOME FIREWORKS ON OUR LAST NIGHT OF CAMP?

BUT IT'S IMPORTANT TO RELAX TOO.
I KNOW
To keep the peace of the club members
FIREWORKS DO SOUND NICE, BUT WE'RE NOT GOING THERE TO PLAY.
UNDER-STAND?
WELL...
THAT'S TRUE.
I LIKE HAVING FUN WITH THE CLUB OUTSIDE OF PRACTICE TOO.
I WASN'T REALLY I'M ACTING LIKE I USUALLY DO.
Smile
REALLY?
WELL IT'S OK IF YOU ARE.
I'LL THINK ABOUT THE TRAINING SCHEDULE SOME MORE.
SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE SO WORKED UP ABOUT IT.
thud
BUT.
THAT GAZE THAT MATSUNAE HAS..
MAKES IT FEEL LIKE WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR IT.

WHOA, EXPENSIVE!
SOU, LOOK AT THIS
Archery Equipment
SO HE SAW RIGHT THROUGH ME, HUH...?
But it's still so early
Weren't you going home to think about the schedule?
Where do you wanna go afterwards
slurp

Nah, this one's better
The color of the arrow's shaft is pretty cool
BUT WHEN I BUY MY NEXT BOW I'M GOING TO WORK AND BUY IT MYSELF.
I'M STILL DEPENDENT ON MY PARENTS NOW,
Yeah
Fiberglass is nice, but I think I'll stick with a bamboo bow

FOR COMING WITH ME TODAY.
SOU, THANKS.
HMM?
rustle
rustle
rustle
IT'S BEEN KINDA WEIRD...
EVER SINCE THAT OTHER DAY.
WELL, IT WAS TOO BAD THAT HAD TO HAPPEN
YEAH.
.....
I-I'VE BEEN KINDA STRESSED LATELY.
I WENT AND DISCUSSED PREPARATIONS FOR TRAINING CAMP WITH KOUICHI THE OTHER DAY.

I WONDER IF HE HAS IT IN HIM TO BE CAPTAIN
I'M NOT SAYING THAT HE DOESN'T CARE
BUT HE SAYS STUFF LIKE HOW HE HASN'T THOUGHT ABOUT THE TRAINING SCHEDULE AT ALL
YAMATO WAS THE ONE WHO RECOM-MENDED HIM FOR CAPTAIN
WE'LL JUST HAVE TO BELIEVE IN WHAT HE SAW IN SAKURA-SAWA
YEAH
I MEAN, I THINK KOUICHI IS OUTSTAND-ING
BUT HE'S RATHER HAPHAZ-ARD...
about everything
WELL...
I'M JUST WORRIED IF WE CAN KEEP THE CLUB GOING
KATSURA...

DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN WE SHOWED YOU GUYS...
OUR LAST EXHIBITION SHOOT?
YEAH...
OF COURSE.
SAKURASAWA COMPLETELY MISSED THE TARGET THEN
HE PROBABLY DID THAT... ON PURPOSE
YES, HIS SHOOTING IS RATHER ERRATIC.
BUT HE'S SOMEONE WHO CARRIES AN UNDERLYING STRENGTH WITHIN HIM
HE REALLY IS STRONG WHEN HE NEEDS TO BE
THEN...
WHY?

THERE WAS NO REASON.
FOR HIM TO SHOOT SERIOUSLY AND SHOW OTHERS THAT HE DIDN'T PALE IN COMPARISON TO US.
IT WASN'T ABOUT SHOWING OFF.
HE PROBABLY DIDN'T WANT TO SPARK ANY NEW UNEASINESS AMONG THE CLUB MEMBERS.
THAT WAS JUST HIS WAY OF MAKING HIS DISTINCTION
THAT TIME .
SO HE PURPOSELY AVOIDED A SHOWDOWN.
SO THAT WAS JUST... A POSITION HE TOOK?
WHEN KOUICHI WAS ABSENT-MINDEDLY SHOOTING HIS BOW (OR SO IT SEEMED),
IT ONLY DREW EVERYONE'S JEERS AND LAUGHTER.
"OH, MAN."
"HE SURE IS FLAKEY."
MY SHOOTING...
BUT WE WERE GIVEN A SCATTERED ROUND OF APPLAUSE.
CLEARLY LACKED THE VITALITY OF NII-CHAN'S AND THE OTHERS.

THAT APPLAUSE...
SEEMED TO SAY, "WE'RE GONNA BE IN TROUBLE FROM NOW ON",
OR "OH, NO, I KNEW IT", AND RESIGNED ITSELF FOR DISASTER.
I...
THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING, KATSURA
I KNOW YOU CAN'T HELP BUT BE ANXIOUS ABOUT IT,
BUT YOU HAVE A BOW OF YOUR OWN.
IF YOU'RE GOING TO SURPASS US,
YOU'LL HAVE TO FIX YOUR EYES ON IT AND CARRY IT OUT TO THE FULLEST

KAT-SURA,
STAND STRONG.
A BOW THAT ONLY YOU CAN SHOOT.
SOU'S STRONG HANDS...
LOOK STRAIGHT AT YOUR TARGET.
HIS WORDS
GUIDE MY CON-FUSED AND WA-VERING HEART.
THAT IS THE FIRST THING YOU CAN DO FOR YOUR-SELF NOW.
IF YOU CAN GRASP THAT, CONFIDENCE WILL STEM
STAND STRONG AND
NOW I UNDER-STAND

<NOTE I'M USING "STAND STRONG" AS THE INTERPRETIVE MEANING HERE THE JAPANESE HERE IS "RIN TO-- " AND IS TAKEN FROM THE TITLE OF THE MANGA SEE THE README THAT'S INCLUDED AT THE END OF THE CHAPTERS FOR A DISCUSSION OF THE KANJI CHARACTER 'RIN' >

I LOVE...
SOU...
SOU...
HMM?
IT FEELS SO INCREDIBLE...
FOR HIM TO HAVE CHOSEN ME
WHEN THE FALL ROOKIES TOURNAMENT IS OVER—
I'LL GO TO YOUR ROOM

The Fifth Shot END

凛!
-RIN-
第六射
The Sixth Shot

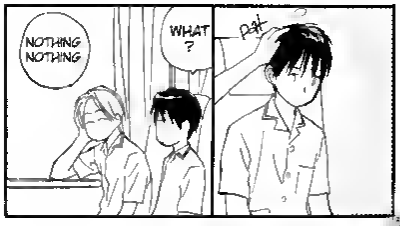
vroooom...
chatter
I'M GONNA TAKE IT!
HEY, THERE'S NO KARAOKE ON THIS BUS?
chatter
HERE, KATSURA
I GUESS HALF THE TRIP'S FOR FUN...
oh! Gimme that!
Kya

EH?
AH!
LET ME TELL YOU. I CAME UP WITH THIS ALL MYSELF
30 Whatcha think?
WHAT'S THIS?
THE TRAINING SCHEDULE FOR CAMP
...LOOKS GOOD, KOUICHI.
"DON'T WE STILL HAVE THE SCHEDULE THAT YAMATO-SENPAI AND SHIBATA-SENPAI MADE?"
WERE YOU...
WITH THIS THEN...
ALSO, IT'S NOT TOO MUCH FOR EVERYONE TO HANDLE
THERE'S GOOD PROGRESSION THROUGHOUT THE SCHEDULE, AND IT PUSHES FOR FURTHER IMPROVEMENT
We're even gonna do Morning Radio Exercise?
Yeah, we're all young here
IT SHOULD SATISFY MATSUNAE TOO, RIGHT?
Smile
HUH?

...BOTHERED BY THE COMMENT THAT HE MADE LAST TIME?
HE SEEMED UNCONCERNED ABOUT EVERYTHING THEN...
Hm?
ME?
AH... IT'S NOTHING...
BUT MAYBE I WAS WRONG ABOUT THAT...
THAT ATTITUDE OF HIS ISN'T VERY CUTE
HE MAY BE GOOD, BUT A SOPHOMORE IS JUST A SOPHOMORE
Fufun
WE GOTTA MAKE A STATEMENT HERE.
IT'S ALSO PART OF OUR JOB TO MAKE THEM OPEN THEIR EYES.
THA-...
KOUICHI'S REALLY THINKING ABOUT IT
thunk
So sorry!
kyaa!

HEY, WE'RE NOT HERE TO PLAY!
That's a little something from us.
But it hit you
Kyaa
Senpai, wanna try some of this too?
Kyaa
I'M GLAD THEY'RE GETTING ALONG,
BUT WE DIDN'T COME HERE TO PLAY
Should I try some?
...NN.
WHAT HAPPENED?
NOTHING, SENSEI THEY WERE JUST BEING A BIT LOUD
OH, THANKS

Whoo
VERY COOL, MATSU-NAE~~!
!
YOU SEEMED A BIT LIKE YAMATO-SENPAI THERE!


NOTHING NOTHING
WHAT ?
pat

.....
I'm gonna nap until we get there

IT'S BEEN A YEAR SINCE WE WERE LAST HERE!
Wah
IT'S SO PRETTY
Ok~
SO ASSEMBLE IN THE REC ROOM THEN, OK?
WE'LL HAVE A MEETING IN AN HOUR.
LET'S TRAIN OUR HARDEST FOR THESE FIVE DAYS!
ANYTHING WRONG?
It's white birch!
NAH, IT'S NOTHING.

rustle
He takes your blood pressure?
What's that?
AND STILL THE SAME AS LAST YEAR—
IT'S STILL HERE
FOUND IT

ON THE LAST DAY OF SUMMER TRAINING CAMP,
THERE IS A CUSTOM OF HOLDING A RED-AND-WHITE MATCH WHERE JUNIORS AND SOPHOMORES ARE MIXED AND SPLIT INTO TWO TEAMS. THAT WAY WE CAN SEE THE RESULTS OF OUR TRAINING.
rustle
rustle
TRAINING CAMP IS SHORT, BUT SINCE IT'S A HIGHLY FOCUSED PRACTICE SESSION...
THERE ARE MANY MEMBERS WHO SHOW INCREDIBLE GROWTH
HMM?
WHERE'S KATSURA...?

I CAN'T DO IT
Hud
DAMMIT
SO PATHETIC
LOOKING LIKE THIS
W- WHAT TO DO...?
SOU!
SOU!
SOU!
nuskle
nuskle

KATSURA
I-IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT
IT'S MY FAULT THAT I STILL HAVE THIS ANXIETY PROBLEM
I PRACTICED S-SO MUCH DURING TRAINING CAMP
I WASN'T THERE FOR YOU BEFORE THE MATCH, SO YOU-
—SORRY.

I PROMISED NII-CHAN THAT
I'D DEFINITELY SHOOT WELL IN THE RED-AND-WHITE MATCH,
BUT-
KATSURA
KATSURA
YET I STILL GET NERVOUS
JUST BEFORE MY TURN
I'M SORRY
SORRY

I WASN'T THERE FOR YOU
ALTHOUGH I KNEW YOU NEEDED ME
Y-YOU COULDN'T HELP IT
YOU HAD TO GO DO SOMETHING FOR THE TEACHER
PLUS YOU COULDN'T EVEN PARTICIPATE IN THE MATCH...
BUT IT'S MY FAULT
NO, IT'S NOT... BECAUSE
BECAUSE I MUST DO SOMETHING BY MYSELF FOR ONCE
pat
YOUR ARCHERY IS GOOD
REGARDLESS OF YOUR ANXIETY,
—BUT...
BOTH YAMATO AND I KNOW THAT

SOU, WHO USUALLY ONLY SAID THINGS TO SPITE ME,
WAS SO FRANTIC...
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT...
THAT WASN'T TO HELP SETTLE MY NERVES
THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME SOU EVER GAVE ME A HUG
I CAN'T EVER SHOW IT WHEN IT MATTERS MOST...
KATSURA,
I'M SORRY...
I WONDER
WHEN SOU BEGAN TO LIKE ME IN THAT WAY
chuckle
LAST YEAR AT THIS TIME,
I NEVER HAD THOUGHTS LIKE THESE

I CAN'T RUN AND HIDE AWAY FROM EVERYONE ANYMORE!!
THIS YEAR...
SOU AND NII-CHAN AREN'T HERE.
KOUICHI AND I WILL HAVE TO GET THE CLUB GOING OURSELVES.
I GOTTA DO MY BEST.
WHEN I GET HOME, I'LL SHOW SOU AND NII-CHAN A GROWN AND IMPROVED ME
MITSUNARI'S THERE TOO...
That's surprising.
OR LIKE SHIBATA-SAN.
HEY, HEY
HITTING ON GIRLS?
So soon after we arrived

Missed the chance to show myself
GEEZ, THEY'RE REALLY POPULAR
WE'VE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO IT.
WE THOUGHT WE'D ASK TO GET SOME PICTURES TAKEN TOGETHER TOO THIS YEAR
HE WAS COOL AND MATURE TOO~
AND THEN THERE WAS THE CAPTAIN... KOBAYAKAWA-SAN, WAS IT?
// HUH...?
SOLI?
WE SAW HIM LAST YEAR HERE PRACTICING.
I THOUGHT HE WAS SOOOO COOL...
THEY'RE BOTH RETIRED.
// Eeeh——!?
OH! OH! THE CAPTAIN HAD A YOUNGER BROTHER IN THE CLUB, RIGHT?
oh my god!
// You don't mean that in any suspicious way, do you?//
SOME-THING LIKE THAT.
WE REALLY ADMIRED YAMATO-SENPAI AND SHIBATA-SENPAI
WE'RE SAD TO SEE THEM GO TOO.
Yeah
Eh, no just as an appreciative fan!

LAST YEAR I HEARD KOBAYAKAWA-SAN BOASTING ABOUT HIM.
SINCE HE'S KOBAYAKAWA-SAN'S BROTHER, HE MUST BE COOL AND GOOD AT ARCHERY TOO, RIGHT?
I'M SURE HE CAME AGAIN THIS YEAR
WHAT'S HE LIKE?
So what's he like?
YOU SHOULD QUIT WHILE YOU'RE AHEAD
Huhhh—!?
I wanna see! I wanna see!!!
No way!!
WELL, HE'S OUR NEW VICE CAPTAIN.
Ah
He came
UWAA...
THIS ISN'T GOOD...
MATSUNAE
HE'S NOTHING SPECIAL JUST AN AVERAGE MEMBER
HE DOESN'T RESEMBLE HIS BROTHER EITHER.

SO HE
Really?
RIGHT?
YEAH
I GUESS
scrape
REALLY THINKS OF ME THAT WAY...
AH, KATSURA-SENPAI
scuff
scuff
WELL, SEE YA.
We'll come again!
scurry
He's not all that bad
He's quite cute
Is that him?

WELL, IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME
WAIT!
WHAT IS IT THAT YOU DON'T LIKE ABOUT ME?
HMM...?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
DON'T PLAY DUMB WITH ME!

YOU SAID IT JUST NOW.
THAT I WAS JUST AN AVERAGE MEMBER...
.....
IF YOU CAN PROVE OTHER-WISE,
I'LL APOLO-GIZE
!
WHA-...

HEY, KATSURA
THE SOPHOMORES THIS YEAR ARE A PRETTY TALENTED LOT
OH ?
I HEARD THAT THEY PRACTICED IN JUNIOR HIGH
SO YOU HAVE HIGH EXPECTATIONS FOR THEM THEN?
SO I HAD THEM SHOOT FOR ME
KATSURA, YOU CAN'T SLACK AS THEIR UPPERCLASSMAN NOW
WELL, IT SEEMS THAT MOST OF THEM LEARNED ARCHERY ON THEIR OWN SO THEY STILL NEED MORE POLISHING
I KNOW THAT
THEIR BOWS ARE IMMATURE, BUT THEY POSSESS GOOD SENSE
I WAS HONESTLY HAPPY TO HEAR THAT WE HAD SOME PROMISING NEWCOMERS

JUST...
WHAT IS IT THAT HE DOESN'T LIKE ABOUT ME!?

THERE'S NO WAY I'LL LOSE TO HIM!
Let's see
FIRST WE'LL PAIR UP AND START STRENGTH TRAINING.
I'LL BE CALLING THE COUNT, SO IF YOU COULD PLEASE TEAM UP AND GET READY
WE'LL BASICALLY FOLLOW THE TRAINING SCHEDULE ..
THAT I DISTRIBUTED DURING THE MEETING
AH, OK...
THERE'S NO NEED TO SOUND SO POLITE.
chatter
chatter

pop
snap
pop
Stretches
Hah
That sounds kinda scary
Pfweep
Push-ups
Let's see how I can do more!
Pfweep
UMPH
UMPH
UMPH
UMPH
Go with the count, guys
Ah!
ALRIGHT, IF YOU COULD PLEASE TAKE YOUR TURN AS GIVEN
Senpai!
Pfft
annoyed
MATSUNAE'S NOT HERE EITHER
Pfweep
Sit-ups
Pfweep?
He's not here
KOU-ICHI
I WONDER IF HE'S PREPARING THE MAKIWARA.
Pfweep
HMMM?
Pfweep
IS HE SKIPPING OUT?
Senpai
Pfweep?
And he was hollering big earlier

TAKE OVER FOR A BIT
I CAN'T LET HIM GET AWAY WITH THIS
EVEN MATSUNAE CAN'T SAY ANYTHING TO DEFEND IT
ANYWAY, I GOTTA GET HIM BACK...
We're already at 40
Are we still gonna keep going...?
I'm gonna die
Huh...?
Sorry!
BEING RUDE...?
UM... AT THE CAFE...
Where could he be
SAKURA SAWA-SENPAI,
I APOLOGIZE FOR BEING RUDE TO YOU THE OTHER DAY.
...WERE YOU REALLY THAT IMPRESSED BY THE SCHEDULE I MADE?

YES.
Oh, really?
THAT'S WHY I'M APOLO-GIZING.
I'M SORRY
KATSURA'S CALLING THE COUNT RIGHT NOW
DON'T SKIP OUT ON IT
rustle
YES, SIR.
.....
Will you be moving the makimaka?
Hm, later with everyone
step

Hmm, just something I have to do
Matsuura, where were you?
Bowww
Sweat
TO TIE THE HAKAMA, TAKE THE TWO FRONT STRAPS AND WRAP IT AROUND ONCE
THEN CROSS THE TWO STRAPS AT YOUR SIDE,
FOLDING THE BOTTOM STRAP UPWARD
WRAP THE STRAPS AROUND SO THAT IT OVERLAPS AND TIE IT IN THE BACK
Like this
Huh?
NEXT, TUCK THE PEG ON THE BACK-BOARD OF THE HAKAMA INTO THE OBI
THEN TAKE THE STRAPS-
Huh?
plop
chatter //
bend
I didn't tuck it in enough.

CROSS THE BACK STRAPS OF THE HAKAMA IN THE FRONT.
...!
WRAP IT FROM UNDER THE FRONT STRAPS
AND TIE IT INTO A KNOT
Neatly tied
ALRIGHT, NOW YOU TRY
IF YOUR STRAPS ARE TOO LONG, YOU CAN TIE THEM IN THE BACK.
TUCK THE REMAINING STRAPS INTO THE SIDE AND YOU'RE DONE
Ok
That was fast
I don't get it cuz it was too fast
First start here
I GOT SOMETHING OUT OF IT ANYWAY
YOU'RE WELCOME
THANKS
HUH?
YOU STILL HAVE TOO MUCH TENSION IN YOUR SHOULDERS.
DO WE HAVE REPLACEMENT STRINGS?
KATSURA!

fwp
Hmm
AH!
I can't hold it any longer
Senpai
Ehh
I LOOKED THEY'RE NOT THERE!
YEAH, THEY SHOULD BE IN THE EQUIPMENT CASE
THEY SHOULD BE IN A BAG
Hh... Look at where it landed...
I MADE YOU WAIT TOO LONG AT THE HOLD.
AH, SORRY!
SORRY!
I'M SO HOPELESS ...
No, it's my fault
Hhn... I'll try harder
PLEASE COME AND WATCH ME
SENPAI,
AL- ... ALRIGHT

ON THE WHOLE, HIS SHOOTING IS FAST.
EXTEND THE UPPER PART OF YOUR BODY
MATSUNAE'S HIT PERCENTAGE IS HIGHER THAN MINE
BUT JUST HITTING THE TARGET ISN'T EVERYTHING
THERE'S SOMETHING FAR MORE IMPORTANT
LOCK YOUR ELBOW
thwack
SORRY.
DON'T CLICK YOUR TONGUE IN THE DOJO.
NEXT PLEASE OBSERVE MY BOW
tch
I SHOULD HAVE JUST SHOT IT HOW I WANTED TO

I'D LIKE TO HAVE CAPTAIN SAKURA-SAWA WATCH ME NEXT
Incredible! Almost dead center
creak
HIS FORM IS ROUGH...
!
BUT HE PUTS HIS ALL INTO IT
thwap!
YEAH, THAT'D BE GOOD.
GO WATCH HIM, KOUICHI.
OK, THEN...
RABBIT JUMPS.
HUH?
ONCE YOU DO THREE SETS OF THOSE, COME BACK.
FOL-LOWED BY PUSH-UPS.
SINCE YOU TEND TO GLEAN OVER THE BASICS
YES, SIR

MATSUNAE REALLY LISTENS TO SAKURASAWA NOW.
WELL, YOU HAVE TO ADMIT IT.
THAT TRAINING SCHEDULE INCORPORATED ALL THE BASICS PLUS IT'S QUITE EASY TO UNDERSTAND THE OBJECTIVES
YEAH, THAT'S TRUE
AND SO THAT IT DOESN'T GET BORING, IT MIXES UP STRENGTH TRAINING WITH MORE FUN THINGS LIKE CLOSE-DISTANCE SHOOTING
I SHOULD JUST LEAVE HIM BE
.....

chatter
chatter
Don't wreck it like that
I WANT TO HEAR SOU'S VOICE...
flip
IF I TALK TO SOU NOW,
I'LL JUST END UP GRUMBLING ABOUT EVERY-THING
NO.....
I can't
can't
WHO SAID FIVE DAYS AND FOUR NIGHTS WAS LONG...
. HE WAS THE ONE
BUT I'M SO DEPRESSED THAT I CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT BY MYSELF
I'LL JUST CALL NII-CHAN FOR NOW...
IT'S PATHETIC.
flip

Katsura?
...HUH?
HEY, IT'S ME.
BUT HE HASN'T SENT ME EVEN ONE E-MAIL.
...WELL, HE'S NOT THE TYPE TO E-MAIL
EVEN ON THE PHONE, HE ONLY TALKS AS MUCH AS HE NEEDS TO.
I KNOW THAT, BUT...
scratch
IT STILL FEELS LONELY
S-...
SOU?
WHY DID YOU PICK UP...?
DID I INADVERTENTLY CALL SOU'S NUMBER...?
I'M WATCHING THE HOUSE.
Watching the house...?
YOUR DAD SAID THERE WAS A SALE GOING ON AT THE SUPER-MARKET, SO HE DRAGGED YAMATO OUT WITH HIM

I WANT TO...
SEE HIM...
hch
IS THAT IT...?
It's been almost two hours now.
Just where did the two of them go?
I'm starving.
So, what did you call for?
HNN, NOTHING REALLY.
I JUST THOUGHT IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I HEARD NII-CHAN'S VOICE.
A long time? It's only been two days.
WHAT ABOUT YOU? YOU WERE SULKING ABOUT THE CAMP BEING FIVE DAYS AND FOUR NIGHTS.
I'm different from Yemeto though.
HUH?
I love you, Katsura,
so it's normal that I don't want to be away from you.

IF I SAY JUST ONE WORD TO HIM
...I...
UM, I
Don't you think so too?
—WANT TO SEE SOU'S FACE TOO.
I HAVE SO MUCH I WANT TO TALK TO HIM ABOUT.
I...
Katsura?
NH
I
IT FEELS LIKE ALL MY FEELINGS WILL CRUMBLE FROM THERE
—BUT I CAN'T LET MYSELF GET SPOILED BY HIM
—Are you alright?

IF I RELY ON SOU NOW,
NOTHING WILL HAVE CHANGED FROM THE PAST
—If it's too hard on you, I can go and see you right now
I'M FINE. I'M HAVING FUN TOO
PLUS I HAVE KOUICHI HERE WITH ME
...YEAH
I'M FINE
I SAID THAT I'M FINE! WHY WON'T YOU BELIEVE ME?
DO I REALLY LOOK THAT UNRELIABLE!?

ALTHOUGH I CARELESSLY SHOWED HIM MY MOMENT OF WEAKNESS,
SOU STILL THINKS THAT HE MUST FOLLOW ME LEST SOMETHING HAPPENS
I'M FINE NOW
I'M ALRIGHT EVEN WITHOUT SOU THERE FOR ME.
...DON'T WORRY YOURSELF ABOUT ME.
Katsu-ra. .
beep
NGH
ONCE I STUMBLE

EVEN THOUGH
I LOVE HIM MORE THAN ANYONE—
WHY IS IT THAT NOTHING ELSE GOES RIGHT AFTER-WARDS?
HE WAS JUST WORRIED ABOUT ME...
KATS-UKA
...KOU-ICHI
YOU'LL GET EATEN IF YOU MAKE SUCH A DEFENSELESS LOOKING FACE...

EATEN?
Pshht
...BY MOSQUI-TOES
YOU SHOULD BE CAREFUL.
chirp
chirp
HEY, KOUICHI
I'M...
SORRY IF I'M A USELESS VICE CAPTAIN FOR YOU.
YEAH?
WHY DO YOU SAY THAT?
ISN'T EVERYONE PEACEFULLY HAVING FUN PRACTICING?

BUT ARCHERY IS ORIGINALLY A MARTIAL ART.
HMM?
NII-CHAN ALWAYS SAID THAT
YOUR LIFE WOULD BE IN DANGER IF YOU TAKE YOUR EYES OFF OF YOUR ENEMY FOR EVEN A MOMENT.
THAT YOU SHOULD FACE THE TARGET WITH THAT SPIRIT IN MIND
THAT DOES SOUND LIKE SOMETHING KOBAYAKAWA-SENPAI WOULD SAY.
I KNOW IT'S IMPORTANT TO ENJOY BEING IN THE CLUB,
BUT I THINK IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE SHOULD REALLY PASS ON TO OUR UNDER-CLASSMEN.
KATSURA,
YOU'RE NOT REALLY WORRIED ABOUT THE UNDER-CLASSMEN,
BUT JUST MATSUNAE, RIGHT?

DID HE SAY ANYTHING TO YOU?
.....
KATSURA...
GUYS LIKE HIM ONLY JUDGE ON VICTORY OR DEFEAT
...HE REALLY SEEMS TO RESPECT NII-CHAN AND SOU,
SO I MUST SEEM UNRELIABLE.
THE ONLY WAY TO SILENCE HIM
IS TO SHOW HIM THE DIFFERENCE IN YOUR SKILL
KOUICHI...?
DIFFERENCE IN SKILL ...?

KATSURA, YOU REALLY DON'T HAVE MUCH CONFIDENCE IN YOURSELF!
YOU THINK SO...?
WELL, YOU HAD AN ANXIETY COMPLEX FOR THE LONGEST TIME,
SO I SUPPOSE IT'S JUST NATURAL.
WHAT I CAN SAY IS THIS... BUT
YOU'RE THE PERFECT VICE CAPTAIN ANYONE CAN HOPE FOR

THE PERFECT——
HUH?
AND I'M BEING SERIOUS
ABOUT THAT
I DON'T KNOW IF HE HAS ANY BASIS FOR WHAT HE SAID...
BUT THOSE WORDS THAT KOUICHI GAVE ME
MADE MY HEART FEEL AT EASE
IT'S ABOUT TIME...
THAT I MAKE MY STAND TOO——
The Sixth Shot END

Also gluing on the target faces

凛!
-RIN-
第
七
射
The Seventh Shot

DAY THREE OF TRAINING CAMP
THERE'LL BE A CHANGE IN OUR SCHEDULE THIS AFTERNOON
WE WILL BE HOLDING A 100-ARROW SHOOT-OFF INSTEAD
chatter
Is he serious?
I'M SURE THE SOPHOMORES HAVE NEVER DONE THIS THING BEFORE,
SO THEY'LL BE SHOOTING 50 ARROWS EACH WHILE THE JUNIORS WILL SHOOT THE FULL 100 EACH
Hya
Sounds tough!
THOSE WHO DO WELL WILL RECEIVE AN AWARD AT THE END OF CAMP, SO TRY YOUR HARDEST!
GREAT!
THAT SOUNDS FUN
IT'S LIKE A GAME, I GUESS.
FIRST UP, THE SOPHOMORES
GET READY

snap
clench
Senpai!
My arm is numb!
I'm gonna shoot till I drop!
snap

NEXT UP, THE JUNIORS!
WE'RE GOING FOR 100.
MATSUNAE'S PRETTY MUCH ON TOP...
Uhmh
I KNEW IT!
HMM...
clap
Amazing!
clap
mm
HIS HIT PERCENTAGE IS... ABOUT 60%?
My arm still feels like jelly.
.....

thwap!
KOUICHI...

BEGIN!
twang!
WOW
THAT'S THREE HITS IN A ROW NOW?
SAKURASAWA-SENPAI, THAT KING OF SPONTANEITY?
Ah
THINK HE'S HIT A WAVE FOR NOW?
YEAH, MAYBE.
.....
KOUICHI'S BOW HAS CHANGED
OF COURSE, THE STYLE ITSELF HASN'T CHANGED
BUT HE'S NOT JUST RIDING OUT A WAVE FOR NOW.

I WONDER IF...
IF ONLY HE WEREN'T SO SPONTANEOUS
SOMETHING INSIDE KOUICHI STIRRED
Whish
KOUICHI'S BOW RIGHT NOW...
I'M SURE IT'S HIM BEING SERIOUS.
CLICK

HIS CONCENTRATION DOES NOT WAVER
Awww...
I GUESS FOUR IN A ROW WAS TOO MUCH
SHH!
SO FAST THAT IT MAY APPEAR THAT HE LACKS A REGARD FOR THE PRINCIPLES
WITH EVERY ARROW, HIS SHARPNESS INCREASES
HE SHOOTS WITHOUT ANY DOUBT OR HESITATION
SKILLFULLY
AND EVEN THREATENINGLY

!
HE SHOOTS THROUGH THE TARGET WITHOUT FAIL
KATSUIRA, NEXT
RIGHT
KOUICHI
IS INCREDIBLE

thud
SENPAI, THAT WAS AMAZING...
Wah...
WHY DID YOU NEVER GET SERIOUS UNTIL NOW?
AND THAT CONCLUDES THE 100-ARROW SHOOT-OFF!
JUST INCREDIBLE...
...MY HIT PERCENTAGE WAS ABOUT 40%
WASN'T THAT ABOUT 80% HITS?
Amazing!
cheer
THERE WAS NO NEED TO
JUST DON'T TELL ME THAT I'VE SLUMPED AGAIN TOMORROW
It's still short that you were able to pull off such a performance on camp!
cheer

YOU CAN ONLY SHOW HIM THE DIFFERENCE IN YOUR SKILL...
IT'S NOT A BAD SCORE...
NO MATTER HOW HARD I TRY...
BUT IT MAKES ME COMPLETELY INFERIOR TO MATSUNAE!
WITHOUT PROVEN SKILLS...
HE'LL NEVER ACCEPT ME AS HIS SENIOR IN ARCHERY...
rattle
rattle
rattle

TO NAGANO?
YAM-ATO
HMM?
WE'RE BACK!
SOU-KUN, SORRY IT TOOK SO LONG
YOU'RE GONNA EAT HERE, RIGHT?
YEAH, I'M GONNA GO...
SOU,
KATSURA HAS RECOV-ERED FROM HIS ANXIETY PROBLEM
RIGHT NOW HE'S TRYING HIS HARDEST TO DO THINGS ON HIS OWN
DO YOU THINK IT WILL HELP ANYTHING IF YOU GO THERE?

THEN-
BUT I'M GOING
I DON'T KNOW
KATSURA MAY EVEN THINK THAT MY HELP IS A BURDEN
I'VE ALWAYS BEEN WATCHING KATSURA
THAT NOTHING WILL CHANGE IF I DON'T DO ANYTHING
I FINALLY UNDERSTOOD WHEN HE BECAME MINE

I...
LOVE KATSURA
SOU...
I

YAMATO...
I'D REALLY LIKE TO GO TOO
CREAK
BUT I HAVE TO WORK
IT'S NOT FAIR, BUT I'LL HAVE TO LEAVE IT TO YOU
WHAT ABOUT THE OTHERS?
I HEARD THEY'RE PLANNING A DAY TRIP OUT THERE IN TWO DAYS
SINCE YOU'RE GOING OUT THERE TO SEE THEIR TRAINING PROGRESS,
BE SURE TO WORK THEM HARD
IF I GET THE CHANCE TO
YOU WILL

PURURURURU
Line 3's 4:51 train is now entering the station
step
SAKURA-SAWA AND KATSURA ARE STILL NEW AT THIS
AND SO THE HOLES WE LEFT CAN'T BE SO EASILY FILLED LIKE THAT
WHY?
CUZ WE'RE THE LEGENDARY DUO
knock
We sound so full of ourselves
the fun fun

KATSURA
KNOCK
WANNA GO OUT FOR A BIT BEFORE DINNER?
Hmm
WHERE TO?
Come with me.
JUST GOING FOR A WALK
IT GETS PRETTY COOL OUT AT NIGHT.
IF WE KEEP GOING

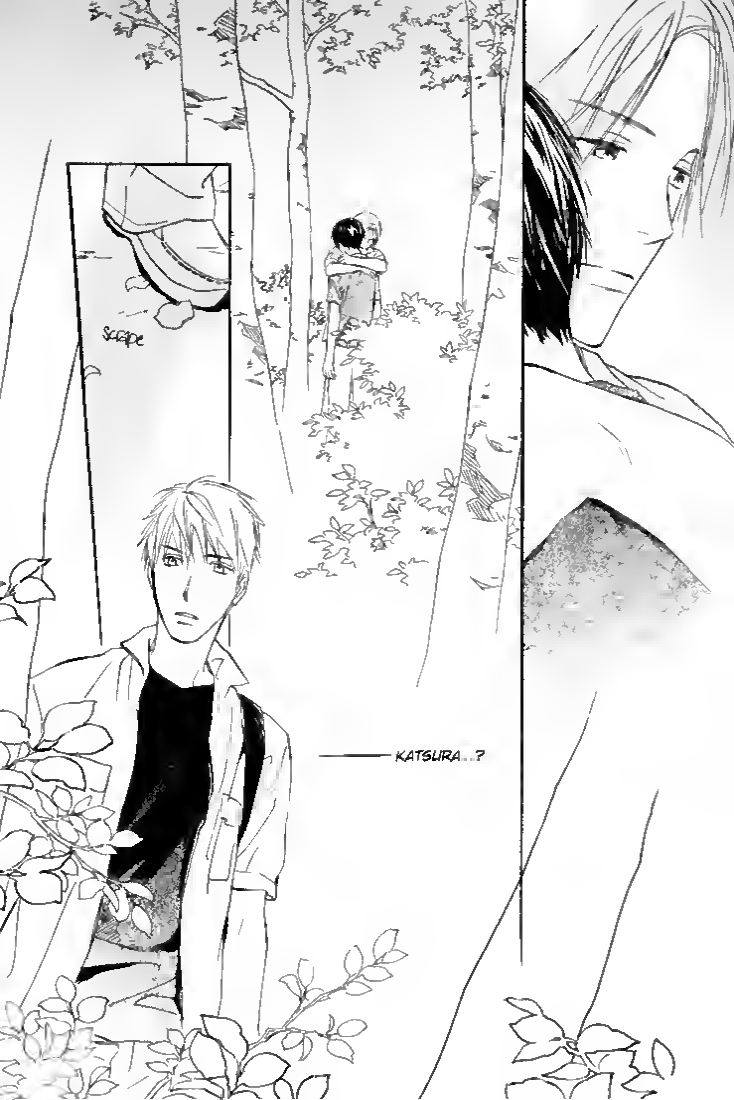
WE'LL REACH THAT WHITE BIRCH...
WOW..
WHAT AN AMAZING SUNSET...
KOU-ICHI...
HM?
YOUR BOW TODAY..
WAS INCREDIBLE
IT MAKES ME HAPPY
TO HEAR YOU COM-PLIMENT ME

I WANTED TO TAKE A BIT OF THE LOAD OFF OF YOU.
IT WAS REALLY INCRED-IBLE...
Ah
I WAS BEING SERIOUS.
THAT'S THE ONLY REASON I SHOT THAT WAY.
HUH...?
YOU'RE ALWAYS TRYING YOUR HARDEST, KATSURA.
I'M NOT REALLY THE TYPE SUITED TO BE CAPTAIN,
BUT SINCE YOU'RE THE VICE CAPTAIN, I THOUGHT I'D TRY TO MAKE A LITTLE MORE EFFORT.
KA-TSU-RA!
ARE YOU AWAKE?
Ah!
Um...
Yeah...
Erm...

I TOLD YOU EARLIER
THAT YOU'RE THE PERFECT VICE CAPTAIN
THE PERFECT
VICE CAPTAIN ?
YEAH.
YOU GOT ME TO BE SERIOUS ABOUT THIS
I CAN WORK HARDER
BECAUSE YOU'RE HERE, KATSURA.
UP UNTIL NOW

SOU HAS ALWAYS BEEN PROTECTING ME
I'VE BEEN TELLING MYSELF THAT I CAN'T KEEP RELYING ON HIM.
BUT I DON'T WANT THAT
HEY, KATSURA
W-...
WH..T ?
I KNOW THAT YOU DON'T WANT ANY MORE HELP FROM OTHER PEOPLE...
AND THAT YOU'RE CAPABLE OF DOING THINGS YOURSELF.
.....
WHY DON'T WE TRY OUT A NEW HUG?
I KNOW, SO I CAN SAY THIS...
BUT KOUICHI IS
A FRIEND WHO UNDERSTANDS WHAT I'M GOING THROUGH
KOUICHI'S SPECIAL CHEER-UP HUG!
WHAT ..RE YOU-...?

I DON'T HAVE TO...
BE SO STUBBORN WHEN I'M WITH KOUICHI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KATSURA...?

WHY ARE HE AND SAKURASAWA ..?
KATSURA !
AND AT THAT PLACE TOO!
LAST YEAR, THAT'S WHERE I
NNH!

I CAN'T SHOW
SUCH DISGRACEFUL BEHAVIOR IN FRONT OF HIM AGAIN
..DON'T GET PROVOKED.
KATSURA'S HEART BELONGS TO ME.
SCRAPE
SINCE CURRENTLY, YOU YOURSELF SEEM FAR REMOVED FROM THE STATE OF ZEN

I wonder what's for dinner tonight?
chatter
chatter
WOW
WE HAD A 100-ARROW SHOOT-OFF TODAY!
IT WAS REALLY, REALLY TOUGH!
MY MUSCLES HURT ALL OVER
Shuuuspid, that means you lack training!
HUH—
SOU?
SENPAI JUST SUDDENLY SHOWED UP TO SEE HOW WE WERE DOING
HE SAID THAT THE OTHER SENIORS WILL BE COMING TOMORROW
……
Whoa
PROBABLY CUZ THEY HAVEN'T SEEN HIM IN A WHILE.
IT'S LIKE A FULL-ON WELCOME PARTY MOOD HERE.

YOU LOOK PRETTY HAPPY, MATSUNAE.
W-WELL, OF COURSE!
SENPAI HAS ALREADY RETIRED, BUT HE'S STILL WATCHING OUT FOR US.
SHIBATA-SENPAI?
WATCHING OUT FOR US?
AH...
YEAH, I GUESS
RIGHT.
Hm hm hm
What else could it be?
HUH?
YES
Hope your trip out here wasn't bad!
SOU...

DON'T WORRY YOURSELF ABOUT ME
I DON'T KNOW HOW TO FACE HIM
AFTER HANGING UP ON HIM LIKE THAT LAST NIGHT——
BUT HE DOESN'T APPEAR TO BE MAD ABOUT IT
DINNER'S READY!
SINCE HE CAME HERE EARLIER THAN THE OTHER SENIORS
ok
SHIBATA-SENPAI, YOU HAVEN'T HAD DINNER YET, RIGHT?
I'm starving!
I
I WANT TO TALK TO SOU

CLICK
BUT SOU IS...
SHIBATA-SENPAI!
EVERYONE'S "SENPAI" HERE
I WASN'T ABLE TO SPEAK TO SOU MUCH LAST NIGHT
IT'S NOT EASY GETTING HIM ALONE

HE HASN'T MET ME IN THE EYES EITHER TODAY.
IS IT JUST ME...
grip
OR IS HE AVOIDING ME...?
Maybe he is mad
I SHOULD PROBABLY APOLOGIZE
ABOUT THE PHONE CALL...
YEAH
YOU HAVEN'T BEEN ON PAR SINCE YOU GOT HERE, KATSURA
shuffle
shuffle

Heeey~!
We brought food!
SENPAI!
HELLO!
IS SAKURASAWA DOING HIS JOB PROPERLY?
HE'S DOING OK.
AH, YOU GUYS ARE HAVING LUNCH?
We just finished
Hey, you guys are always over here, Grace.
There's always room for seconds
Yup
sluuurp

Did you bring your uniform with you?
Erm I kinda feel unsettled without it at the dojo
You're such an archery nut
HEY...
SAKURA-SAWA, HE'S...
SHSHO
SENPAI! SENPAI!
HERE ARE THE RECORDS FOR YES-TERDAY
GEH! WHAT'S WITH THIS HIT PER-CENTAGE!?
RIGHT?
UWAH INCRED-IBLE!
YEAH IT SURPRISED ME TOO

AH, I KNOW HE WAS JUST IN A PHASE AS USUAL
Um, Sounds a little mean
UM, BUT...

SNAP

SYNAP

...IF ONLY YAMATO-SENPAI WERE HERE TOO.
I CAN WORK HARDER BECAUSE YOU'RE HERE, KATSURA
—IF IT'S TOO HARD ON YOU, I CAN GO AND SEE YOU RIGHT NOW
I'M THE ONLY ONE
AT A STANDSTILL
IT'S CAUSED MY ARCHERY TO BE CLOUDED WITH DOUBT
I'M BEING WEIRD AND ACTING ALL STUBBORN

RIGHT...

NOTHING WILL CHANGE

IF I DON'T DO ANYTHING.

We can all just squeeze in with everyone, Sasaki!
Oh, are you guys gonna stay the night? But what about the futons and...?
SOU,
LISTEN...
Fireworks! Yay, fireworks!

BUT AREN'T YOU GOING HOME SOON...?
Huh?
BUT AREN'T THE GIRLS GONNA WEAR THEIR YUKATAS?
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU DIDN'T INVITE US TO SOMETHING LIKE THAT!

I WANT TO TALK TO YOU.
DO YOU HAVE SOME TIME NOW?
CUT
LATER AT NIGHT, THE FIREWORKS WILL BE STARTING
YEAH, SURE
relief
ALRIGHT, THEN
ONCE I FINISH CHANGING, I'LL WAIT FOR YOU AT THE WHITE BIRCH
WHITE BIRCH...
YEAH
REMEMBER? YOU FOUND ME THERE WHEN I GOT DEPRESSED LAST YEAR
THAT TREE IS STILL THERE
GOT IT
BE SURE TO COME, 'K?

SLAM
WHAT ARE YOU THINKING, KATSURA?
YESTERDAY...
YOU WERE HUGGING SAKURASAWA AT THAT SPOT
SO HE'S GOING TO SHIBATA-SENPAI
BUT I HAVEN'T GIVEN UP HOPE YET
Time to clean up

MY HEART
IS BEATING KINDA HARD...
MAYBE BECAUSE IT'S A WHILE SINCE WE'VE BEEN ALONE TOGETHER.
LAST YEAR AT THIS SAME SPOT,
I FELT LIKE I HAD HIT ROCK BOTTOM.
tug
NO, THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO REMINISCE ABOUT SOU'S HUG.
tug
tug
tug
shake
shake
BUT AT THAT TIME
I NEVER DREAMED THAT I'D BECOME SOU'S LOVER.
WELL, EVEN THIS YEAR NOTHING'S CHANGED.
WHICH ISN'T GOOD BECAUSE I HAVEN'T GAINED THE TRUST OF THE UNDERCLASSMEN YET.
tug
tug

...WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
Wah!
...SOU
YOU WANTED TO TALK?
AH
YEAH
UM...
W-WELL, UM...
WHAT WAS IT?
—THAT PHONE CALL THE OTHER DAY WAS REALLY MEANT FOR YAMATO, RIGHT?
RIGHT...
THE PHONE CALL...
HE WAS WORRIED TOO
WHETHER OR NOT YOU WERE LOOKING OUT FOR THE UNDERCLASSMEN PROPERLY...
Erk
SINCE YOU STILL SEEM TO HAVE YOUR HANDS FULL WITH YOUR OWN PROBLEMS
THAT'S...
Well, what you said is true
mutter
Geez...
Na-chan will always be like that
mutter

Che
HE'S DOING IT FOR YOU
thump
HUH —?
BUT IT FEELS LIKE HE SPRANG IT OUT OF NOWHERE, DOESN'T IT?
KOUICHI WAS ALWAYS THAT GOOD,
YEAH, I KNOW
WELL ANYWAY, SAKURASAWA'S SHOOTING REALLY SURPRISED ME
HIS BOW WAS SET WITH RESOLVE
HE SAW YOU GETTING ALL WORKED UP BY YOURSELF
AND THEN STARTED TAKING HIS RESPONSIBILITIES SERIOUSLY, RIGHT?—

—CAN'T I BECOME YOUR SECRET WEAPON?
KOUICHI'S SPECIAL CHEER-UP HUG
I RECEIVED ENCOUR-AGEMENT FROM KOUICHI AT THIS SAME SPOT
KOUICHI SAID SO HIMSELF..
"FOR ME"...?
BUT IT HAS MORE OF AN IMPACT COMING FROM SOU
I
WAS IT JUST ME...
WHO BELIEVED THAT THINGS WERE SO SIMPLE...?
I MADE SURE TO TURN HIM DOWN PROPERLY
WE'VE CONTINUED TO BE FRIENDS SINCE THEN, AS IF NOTHING HAD HAPPENED

BUT I CAN'T STAND TO HAVE ANYONE ELSE TOUCH HIM.
—I CAN'T TAKE IT.
KATSURA
I KNOW THAT KATSURA'S FEELINGS LIE WITH ME...
I WANT EVERYTHING FOR MYSELF, UNTIL THERE'S NOTHING LEFT AT ALL TO SPARE.

I DON'T WANT...
squeeze
NGH
WE HAVE AN EXCUSE
I DON'T CARE
STOP IT
WHAT IF SOMEONE COMES ...?
S-SOU
...?
THIS FEELS DIFFERENT
FROM ALL THE OTHER TIMES
I DON'T WANT THIS ANYMORE!
THE UNDER-CLASSMEN TO KEEP THINKING THAT I'M USELESS WITHOUT YOUR HELP!

I HAVE TO SHOW EVERYONE THAT I'M PERFECTLY CAPABLE ON MY OWN...
MY ANXIETY PROBLEM IS GONE NOW.
KATSURA
SO THEY'LL KNOW I'M SOMEONE THAT THEY CAN RELY ON.
——— THEN
LET-...
LET GO OF ME, SOU
WHY WERE YOU HUGGING SAKURAGAWA ...!?
NO.
!
SOU!

SENPAI?
Ah
KATSURA ...!
CHOKE

rustle
rustle
HE WAS...
WHAT WAS WITH SOU?
KATSURA-SENPAI?
——MATSUNAE...!
HE WAS...
slide
turn
AH...

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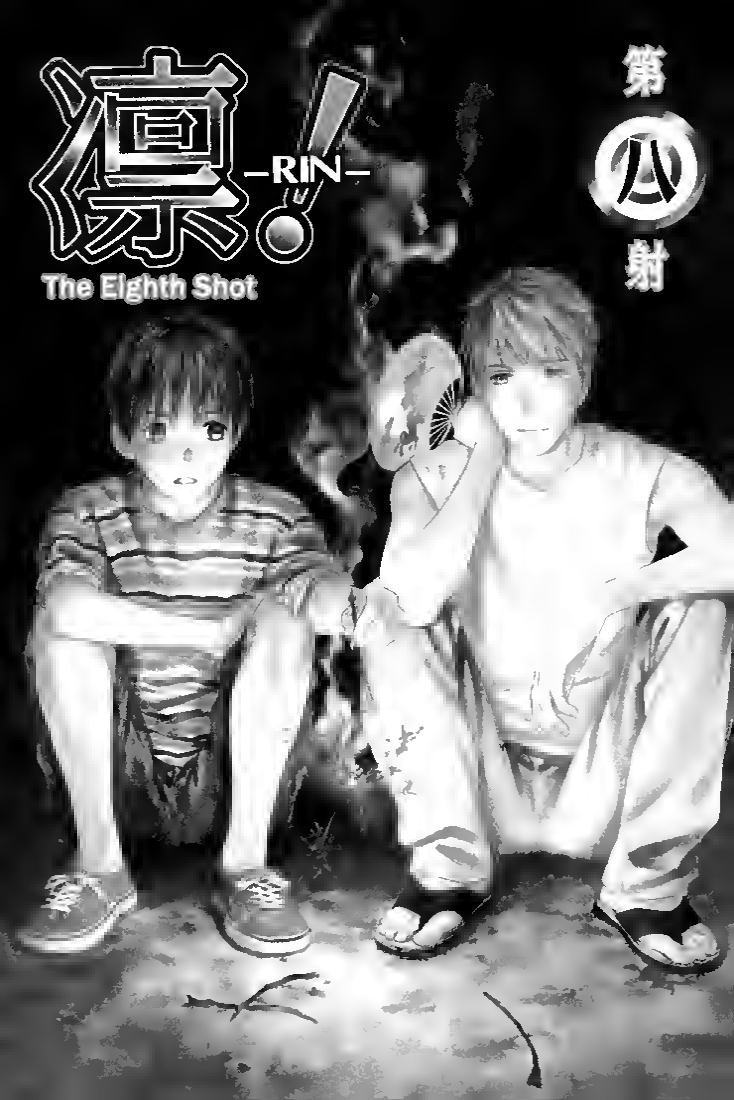
Also pillow fighting
Lights out everyone
The Girls' Side
Really?
I heard they do it every year on the first day of camp
Finally some peace and quiet
Sh hurt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SOU'S ARMS WERE POWERFUL
I FELT AS IF...
HE WAS ABOUT TO FORCIBLY TAKE ME OFF SOMEWHERE...
...JUST WHAT WAS WITH HIM...!?
SCRAPE
...

KAT-SURA?
EVERYONE'S EATING DINNER ALREADY.
OH... OK.
WHAT WERE YOU DOING?
PRACTICING ON YOUR OWN?
AND YOU WERE OFF BY YOUR-SELF WITH SHIBATA-SENPAI
YOU REALLY SHOULDN'T BE DOING THAT HERE
SORRY...
I'M JUST KIDDING.
THE GUYS WHO'VE FINISHED EATING SAID THAT THEY WERE GATHER-ING BY THE RIVER.
OH, YEAH. FIRE-WORKS.
DON'T FORGET! IT'S THE MAIN EVENT AT THIS YEAR'S CAMP!

SOU
SO THAT'S WHY HE WAS THERE
HE SAID THAT HE WAS GONNA GO FIND SHIBATA-SENPAI AND LEFT
OH, YEAH HAVE YOU SEEN MATSUNAE AROUND?

SQUEEZE
BUT THE HUG JUST NOW...
WAS SO DIFFERENT FROM ALL THE TIMES BEFORE...

THERE WERE TIMES BEFORE...
WHEN HE HUGGED ME...
THAT I GOT AGITATED AND PUSHED HIM AWAY

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IS IT SHIBATA-SENPAI?
WHY IS IT THAT KOUICHI CAN SEE THROUGH EVERY-THING SO EASILY?
AM I REALLY THAT EASY TO READ?
I TOLD SOU... THAT WHEN THE FALL ROOKIE'S TOURNAMENT IS OVER...
YEAH?
THAT I'D SLEEP WITH HIM
SP IT

THAT SERIOUSLY CAUGHT ME OFF GUARD...
BUT IF I KEEP THIS UP,
I'LL JUST END UP TURNING POOR RESULTS AT ROOKIE'S TOO
BUT THAT'S A DIFFERENT MATTER, RIGHT?
...WELL,
KA-
I FULLY PLAN TO GO THROUGH WITH IT.
KAT-SURA...
COUGH
COUGH
COUGH
COUGH
IS THIS ABOUT HIS ANXIETY PROBLEM
KATSURA TENDS TO APPEAR UNRELIABLE BECAUSE OF KOBAYAKAWA-SENPAI'S OVER-PROTECTIVENESS.
THAT'S TRUE,
BUT...
BUT AT TIMES HE CAN BE INCREDIBLY STEADFAST
HE IS A STRONG PERSON AT HEART
I WANT TO STAND SIDE BY SIDE WITH SOU, EVEN IF ONLY IN SPIRIT.

BUT YOU KNOW NOW I'VE ALWAYS GOTTEN HELP FROM SOU?
WHEN I TELL MYSELF THAT I CAN'T RELY ON HIM ANYMORE I PUSH HIM AWAY MORE THAN I NEED TO
BUT I CAN'T HELP FEELING A BIT HURT...
I KNOW THAT HAVING KATSURA CONFIDE IN ME WITH THIS MEANS THAT HE TRUSTS ME,
.....
I THOUGHT THAT WHEN I COULD SHOOT MY OWN BOW, I'D GAIN A LITTLE CONFI-DENCE.
BUT IT'S JUST NOT WORKING OUT...
YEAH, WELL, OF COUREE.
YOU GOT THE ORDER ALL BACK-WARDS
HUH?

YOU HAVE TO HAVE CONFIDENCE FIRST
YOU DON'T BELIEVE IN YOUR OWN POWER,
SO THAT'S WHY YOU'RE LOST.
HAVE CONFI-DENCE FIRST...?
YOUR BOW IS HONEST, SO IT'S SUSCEPTIBLE TO OUTSIDE INFLUENCES.
I TOLD YOU, I'LL BEAR ALL THAT PRESSURE.
BUT AS VICE CAPTAIN, THE UNDERCLASS-MEN...
Y-YEAH, BUT...

KOUICHI
SOMETHING KOBAYAKAWA-SENPAI WOULD PROBABLY SAY, RIGHT?
RID YOURSELF OF ALL UNNECES-SARY THOUGHTS!
RIGHT
HE'S CHANGED A LOT...
THESE FEW DAYS AT CAMP
HIS EASYGOING ATTITUDE IS STILL THE SAME,
BUT IT FEELS LIKE HE'S GOTTEN MORE MATURE...
LIKE A CAPTAIN PEOPLE CAN RELY ON.
ME TOO

AND NOT JUST FOR SOU.
I WANT TO BECOME SOMEONE GOOD ENOUGH FOR MY BEST FRIEND TOO.
KOUICHI,
I.
grab
S-SOU?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING GRABBING MY ARM ALL OF A SUDDEN?
COME.
JUST COME WITH ME.
THE FIREWORKS WILL BE...
HUH? B-BUT...

WELL,
THE FIGHT IS ONLY BEGINNING
SOU!
THAT'S WHY I DON'T LIKE HIM.
HE ALWAYS STEALS KATSURA AWAY
LIKE IT'S HIS OWN NATURAL RIGHT OR SOMETHING
SOU...

WHERE ARE WE
I DON'T CARE WHAT HAPPENED EARLIER OR JUST NOW
I JUST WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S WRONG.
WAH
SOU, LISTEN TO ME.
HEY.
HE SEEMS SO ANGRY
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?
GEEZ...

YOU REALLY STARTLED ME POPPING OUT OF NOWHERE LIKE THAT
HE LOOKS LIKE A KID, MAKING A FACE LIKE HE'S HALF SULKING...
DON'T SAY ANY-THING
YOU TELL ME NOT TO SAY ANYTHING, BUT YOU WON'T TALK TO ME IN RETURN
THEN WHAT SHOULD I...
EARLIER BEFORE...
I WANTED TO APOLOGIZE TO YOU
TO SAY SORRY FOR TAKING MY FRUSTRATIONS OUT ON YOU OVER THE PHONE
BUT YOU WOULDN'T LISTEN TO WHAT I WANTED TO SAY
YOU JUST SUDDENLY...

PULL
S-...
SUDDEN-LY
YOU'RE NOT GETTING MAD THIS TIME...

bang
burst
SO STUBBORN.
what?
B-BE-CAUSE...
EVERYONE'S OVER BY THE RIVER...
KAT-SURA,
YOU SHOULD USE YOUR HEAD A LITTLE
BUT I'VE BEEN THINKING MORE THAN I EVER HAVE THIS ENTIRE TIME AT CAMP...
NOT THAT.
I'M TALKING ABOUT SAKURA-SAWA.
KOUICHI?

I'M SAYING THAT YOU SHOULDN'T CONFUSE WHO YOU SHOULD BE PUSHING AWAY...
SAKURA-SAWA IS A GUY THAT...
WHAT DO YOU... MEAN...?
GEEZ...
HIS EXPRESSION CHANGES FROM ONE THING TO THE NEXT
NOW HE'S BACK TO HIS NORMAL SELF
B-BUT I TURNED HIM DOWN. HE EVEN SAID...
THAT HE WAS OK...
WITH IT...
DON'T TRY TO PL...Y IT OFF NOW.
KAT-SURA,
BUT...
I...
THAT I UNCON-SCIOUSLY SOUGHT COMFORT...
IN THE KINDNESS OF KOUICHI'S WORDS
IT MAY BE TRUE...

KOUICHI...
IF YOU LOOK SO DEFENSE-LESS, YOU'LL GET EATEN

REALLY WAS...

YET I STILL ALLOWED MYSELF TO ACCEPT HIS KINDNESS...
AND EARLIER SOMETHING UNTHINK-ABLE...
I'M NOT DEFENSE-LESS.
I'M JUST PLAIN INSENSI-TIVE...
!!

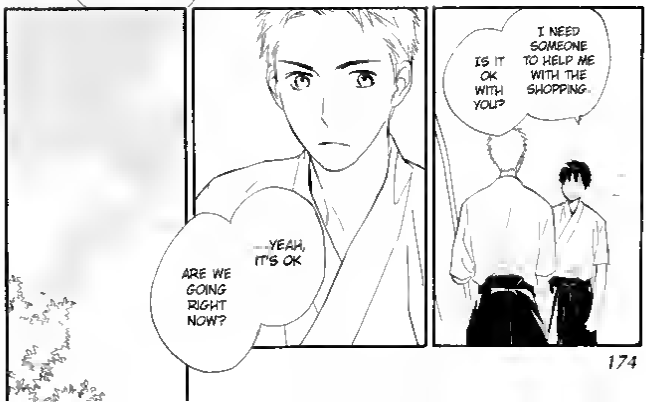
YOU CHOSE TO TAKE MY ARMS

KAT-SURA,
HOW IS YOUR BOW COMING ALONG?
IT'S EASY ENOUGH TO FIGURE OUT AFTER SEEING HIS BOW
HE'S SERIOUS
MY . BOW...?
WERE YOU ABLE TO FIND IT?
.....
SO YOU'LL HAVE TO KEEP SHOOTING UNTIL YOU DO...
YOU KNOW, NII-CHAN SAID SOMETHING SIMILAR TO ME...
WHEN I WAS STRUGGLING OVER MY PROBLEM WITH YOU...

KAT-SURA,
DON'T TRY SO HARD TO DO EVERY-THING BY YOURSELF
DON'T BE AFRAID TO DEPEND ON OTHERS
SOU...
STAND STRONG RIGHT?
YAMATO AND I...
EVEN SAKURAGAWA MAY EXTEND A HAND OUT TO YOU,
BUT AS LONG AS YOU KEEP YOUR STRONG SPIRIT, YOU WON'T BECOME SOMEONE USELESS
RIGHT

WE'VE HAD OUR SHARE OF DISAGREEMENTS
AND STRUGGLES
AH!
SOU, FIRE-WORKS
LET'S GO
WE'LL PROBABLY GO THROUGH EVEN MORE IN THE FUTURE
Pull
NEVER
BUT
I'M SURE I'LL NEVER FORGET THIS SUMMER
FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE

AFTERNOON PRACTICE IS OVER
MATSU-NAE,
COULD YOU COME WITH ME?
WHAT IS IT?
WELL, CAMP ENDS TODAY,
SO WE'LL BE HOLDING A LITTLE CELEBRATION BEFORE WE LEAVE


I NEED SOMEONE TO HELP ME WITH THE SHOPPING.
IS IT OK WITH YOU?
YEAH, IT'S OK
ARE WE GOING RIGHT NOW?

step
step
step
step
step
.....
step
step
step
ARE YOU GOING TO...
ASK ME TO KEEP QUIET?
HUH?
OH...
YEAH
I ACCIDENTALLY RAN INTO HIM THEN.
I HAD COMPLETELY FORGOTTEN.
...DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT I WON'T MENTION IT TO ANYONE...
YOU HAD A FIGHT WITH SHIBATA-SENPAI YESTERDAY, RIGHT?
OVER BY THE TREES

YOU TWO USUALLY GET ALONG REALLY WELL
I-I GUESS...
YOUR HUGS WERE ALSO QUITE THE TALK...
AMONG US SOPHO-MORES
I REALLY HATED THEM.
I COULD ONLY THINK THAT YOU WERE PLAYING AROUND
SHIBATA-SENPAI WAS SO COOL AND SERIOUS...
BUT THAT WAS LIKE THE ONLY THING THAT DIFFERED FROM HIS IMAGE
MATSUNAE...

...IT'S STRANGE
Scrape
THAT MAKES ME HATE YOU
IT'S NOT HAVING IT IMPLIED,
BUT HAVING HIM TELL ME STRAIGHT OUT THAT HE HATES ME.
...I HAVE AN OLDER BROTHER WHO ALSO DID ARCHERY FOR THE LONGEST TIME.
THAT I CAN REMAIN CALM AND LISTEN TO HIM

WHY...?
WHEN HE GOT HOME,
HE SUDDENLY SAID HE WAS QUITTING ARCHERY
BUT AT ONE TOURNAMENT...
BECAUSE NO MATTER HOW MUCH HE WERE TO PRACTICE,
HE'D NEVER BE ABLE TO BEAT THEM
HE SHOT WITH SHIBATA-SENPAI AND YAMATO-SENPAI FOR THE FIRST TIME...
BUT ARCHERY
BECAUSE HE COULDN'T BEAT THEM?
ISN'T A BATTLE AGAINST OTHER PEOPLE
IT MATCHES YOU UP AGAINST YOURSELF,
SO THAT'S WHY
IS TO SHOW HIM THE DIFFERENCE IN YOUR SKILL.
THE ONLY WAY TO SILENCE GUYS LIKE HIM...

I HAD JUST STARTED ARCHERY THEN
CAN YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT A SHOCK IT WAS TO ME?
MATSUNAE'S VIEW OF WORTH...
IS PROBABLY DUE TO HIS BROTHER'S INFLUENCE
THAT'S WHY...
THOSE TWO MUST REMAIN STANDING AT THE TOP!
THEN MY BROTHER WOULD HAVE QUIT FOR NOTHING!
MATSU-NAE
THEY SHOULD STOP BOTHERING WITH AVERAGE ARCHERS LIKE YOU...
AND AIM EVEN HIGHER.
IF THEY DON'T...

MATSUNAE'S EXTREME ADORATION FOR HIS MAN, GOU,
AND NOW KOUICHI...
THEN THE REASON FOR...
IS DUE TO HIS FEELINGS FOR HIS BROTHER WHO GAVE UP ON ARCHERY...?
MATSU-NAE!
turn

MY ANXIETY PROBLEM IS ALREADY CURED!
HUH ?
SO I'LL NEVER SEEK HELP FROM SOU AGAIN
I'LL SHOOT MY BOW USING MY OWN POWER
KATSURA SENPAI...

I'M MAKING A DECLARATION...
TO MYSELF TOO
I PROMISE
THAT AT THIS AFTERNOON'S RED-AND-WHITE MATCH...
I'LL SHOOT A BOW THAT WILL SILENCE YOU
STRONG
STAND

chatter
chatter
IF I'M GOING TO HAVE MATSUNAE ACCEPT ME,
THIS WILL BE THE BIGGEST CHANCE I'LL GET
I PERFORMED HORRIBLY LAST YEAR,
BUT I NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT QUITTING ARCHERY.
THE RED-AND-WHITE MATCH IS THE CULMINATION OF ALL OF OUR TRAINING AT CAMP
MORE IMPORTANTLY...
I HAVE TO SHOOT A CLEAR, STRAIGHT-FORWARD BOW...
FOR MY OWN SAKE

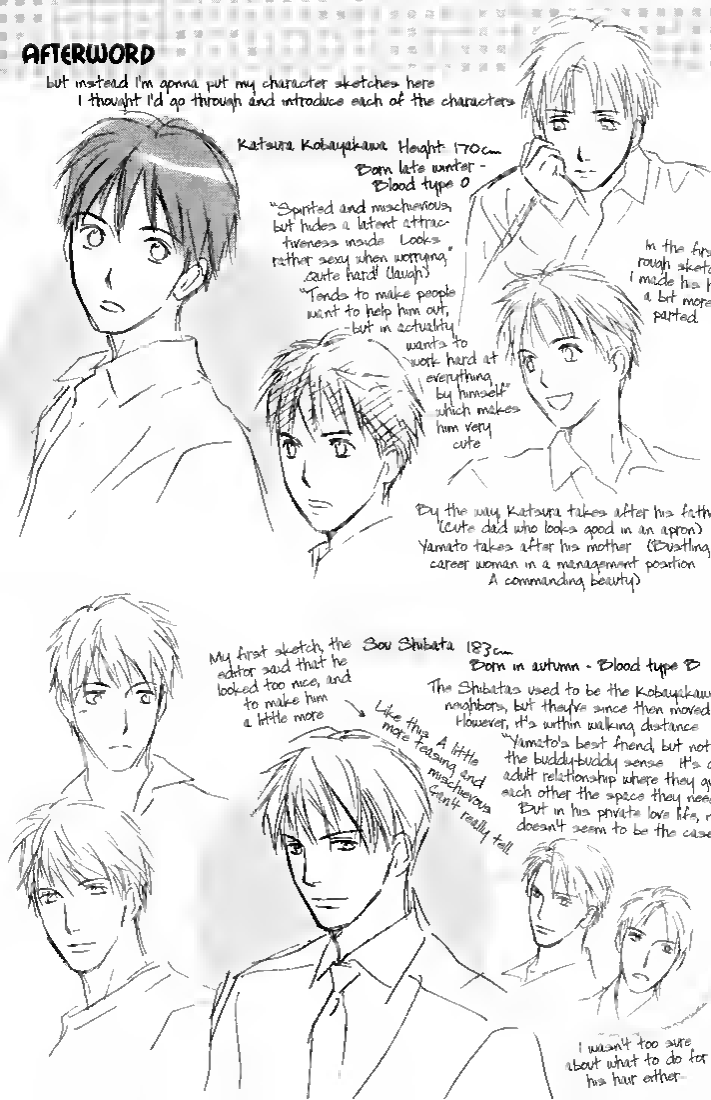
rise
startle
KATSURA,
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
thud
thud
Ah geez

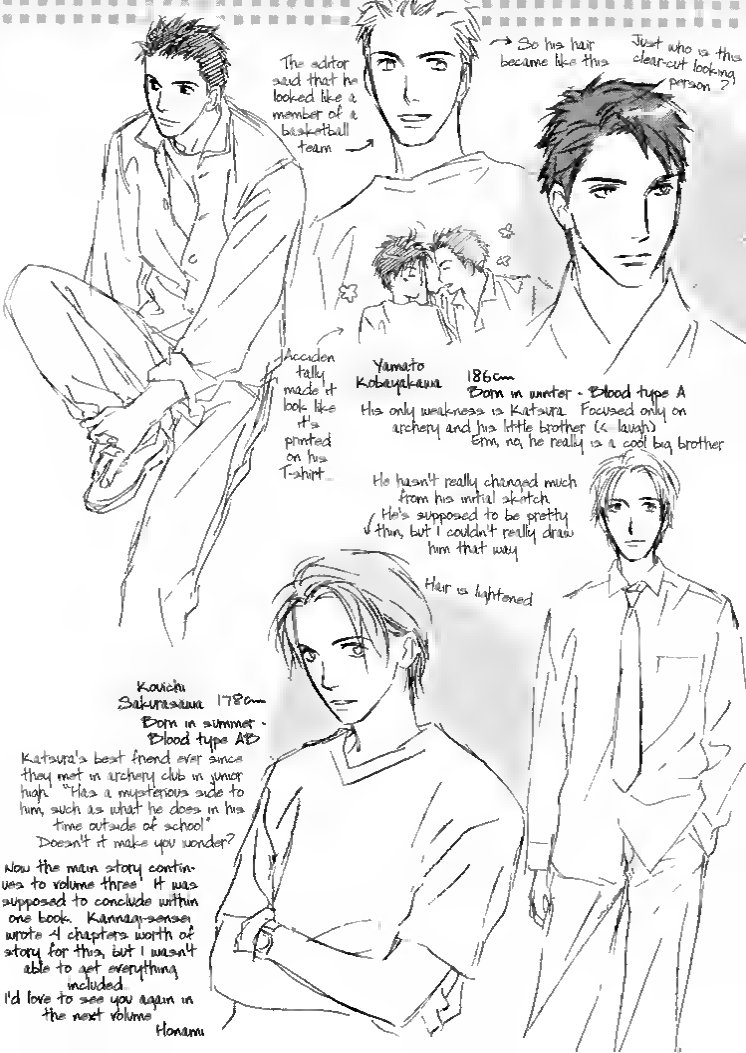
Sampo take care of the cooking for us!
You better get into it!
Sure!
SOU.
Ah!
Are they gonna do it?
WE'RE GOING ON AHEAD THEN.
OK
SOU

The Eighth Shot END

AFTERWORD

But instead I'm gonna put my character sketches here
I thought I'd go through and introduce each of the characters


Katsura Kobayakawa Height 170cm
Born late winter - Blood type O
"Spirited and mischievous, but hides a latent attractiveness inside. Looks rather sexy when worrying." (cute hard laugh)
"Tends to make people want to help him out, but in actuality wants to work hard at everything by himself" which makes him very cute
In the first rough sketch, I made his hair a bit more parted
By the way Katsura takes after his father (Cute dad who looks good in an apron)
Yamato takes after his mother (Bustling career woman in a management position. A commanding beauty)
Sou Shibata 183cm
Born in autumn - Blood type B
My first sketch, the editor said that he looked too nice, and to make him a little more
Like this. A little more teasing and mischievous (don't really tell)
The Shibatas used to be the Kobayakawas' neighbors, but they've since then moved. However, it's within walking distance
"Yamato's best friend, but not in the buddy-buddy sense. It's an adult relationship where they give each other the space they need."
But in his private love life, it doesn't seem to be the case
I wasn't too sure about what to do for his hair either


The editor said that he looked like a member of a basketball team
So his hair became like this
Just who is this clear-cut looking person?
Accadon tally made it look like it's printed on his T-shirt
Yamato Kobayakawa 186cm
Born in winter - Blood type A
His only weakness is Katsura. Focused only on archery and his little brother (< laugh)
Erm, no, he really is a cool big brother
He hasn't really changed much from his initial sketch.
He's supposed to be pretty thin, but I couldn't really draw him that way
Hair is lightened
Kouichi Sakurasawa 178cm
Born in summer - Blood type AB
Katsura's best friend ever since they met in archery club in junior high. "Has a mysterious side to him, such as what he does in his time outside of school." Doesn't it make you wonder?

Now the main story continues to volume three! It was supposed to conclude within one book. Kannagi-sensei wrote 4 chapters worth of story for this, but I wasn't able to get everything included.

I'd love to see you again in the next volume.

Honami